

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

In fact, the purpose of the Amendment was to merely cancel claims. The Amendment: (a) cancelled claims 28-33 and 39 directed to the non-elected Invention II; (b) cancelled dependent claim 26 and moved its features to independent claim 23. The cancellation of claims 28-33 and 39 clearly requires no showing under 37 CFR § 1.116. See MPEP § 1207.

Applicants believe that the cancellation of claim 26 and the placement of its features into claim 23 also does not require a showing under 37 CFR §1.116. In essence, Applicants cancelled independent claim 23 and rewrote dependent claim 26 in independent form. By proceeding in this manner, Applicants avoided having to amend claims 24 and 27 to depend from a non-cancelled claim. Applicants believe the Examiner is overlooking substance, and solely looking at form.